



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 9, 2007

### **H.R. 713**

### **Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 25, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 713 would establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area (NHA) in the state of New York. The bill would create a 17-member commission to serve as the first local coordinating entity for the proposed NHA. The commission would be responsible for developing a management plan for the NHA and to assist local governments and nonprofit agencies in implementing the plan.

The legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for financial assistance to the commission or other eligible entities over the next 15 years. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 713 would cost \$5 million over the 2008-2012 period, with additional amounts spent after 2012. Enacting H.R. 713 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 713 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 713 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 713 would cost \$5 million over the 2008-2012 period and \$10 million over the following five to 10 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 713 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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